

New Rewald Suit Names a Former Bank Manager

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Ronald R. Rewald was indicted yesterday by the Oahu Grand Jury on two counts of first-degree theft by deception.

Meanwhile, three Indonesians who say they invested a total of \$1.2 million in Rewald's bankrupt investment company — Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong — charged in a federal court suit yesterday that Rewald, several of his employees and a Waikiki bank manager violated federal racketeering and securities laws.

In other developments, the court-appointed trustee of the company said he has seen nothing in the company's records, now in the custody of the bankruptcy court, that indicates the company had any substantial assets.

The records had been removed from the company offices, apparently by Rewald's security guards. They were later turned over to the court by Rewald's

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attorney Brook Hart, and were still being reviewed by CIA and FBI officials yesterday to see if they contain any classified material.

Rewald has said his firm did some work for the CIA, but officials close to the case continue to express doubt.

IT WAS LEARNED, however, that a former Rewald consultant was the head of the CIA office there several years ago. He is

filed one of the criminal theft complaints against Rewald that led to Rewald's indictment yesterday.

Kindisch also accompanied Rewald on a cruise on the Royal Viking Star, which left Honolulu on June 14 for Lahaina and Los Angeles, it was learned.

In a 1981 letter to the editor of the Star-Bulletin, Kindisch described himself as a "student of Soviet affairs for the last 30 years" who had lived in Moscow.

In accordance with a ruling by U.S. Judge Martin Pence, trustee Thomas Hayes has been shown files possibly containing evidence of company assets as they were discovered by the CIA and FBI investigators. Hayes said he has seen nothing showing any substantial assets.

Hayes said yesterday that the files contain old checkbooks, polo magazines and proposals for investments, but no documents listing actual investments that would account for the \$17 million put into the company by investors.

So far, Hayes said he has seen

nothing of substance in the files.

REWALD WAS taken to the police cellblock yesterday afternoon from the Oahu Community Correctional Center and booked on two counts of felony theft. Bail remained at the \$10 million set Monday after Rewald initially was arrested and charged.

After being booked, Rewald

was returned to the prison, a police spokesman said. He was to be arraigned today, but the procedure was put off until Aug. 22.

The number of civil lawsuits against Rewald continued to grow yesterday with the filing of a class-action suit in federal court by Indonesians Gunadi Gautama, Henry Suhendra and Hidayat Singaraga.

It is the third class-action suit filed on behalf of some 300 investors in Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong.

What makes the Indonesian suit different is that it also is directed against a local bank branch manager.

The suit charges that Richard

S. Spiker, former manager of the Waikiki branch of Hawaii National Bank, referred investors to Rewald's company.

Spiker, who resigned from the bank on Jan. 31, 1980, could not be reached for comment.

WARREN LUKE, Hawaii National Bank executive vice president, said yesterday the bank was unaware of Spiker's alleged activities. He said the bank would not look favorably on an employee directing possibly \$1 million in investments to a business outside the bank. He said the bank was unaware of the suit and could not comment what action the bank would take at this point.

Gautama is listed as one of Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong's consultants, but Peter A. Lee, the attorney for the plaintiffs, said he actually did no work for the company. He said listing Gautama as a consultant and Indonesia as a location of one of the company's offices, appears to be part of the "pattern" in the way Rewald did business.

The company claimed a number of offices in foreign locations, but trustee Hayes said most did not exist, or were merely "desks" and not actually working offices.

The Indonesian Consulate's office is located on the same floor in Grosvenor Center as Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong's offices, but Lee said it apparently had no part in funneling investors from Indonesia to Rewald.

HOWEVER, THE presence of the consulate's office on the same floor added "credibility and stature" to Rewald's "outright conspiracy to defraud investors," Lee said.